

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 399

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION honoring Keith Jeffers upon his installment as the President of Washington College Academy.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding educators of our State whose exceptional expertise and competence have propelled them to the top of their profession and who have risen to excellence on the strength of their leadership; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is Keith Jeffers who, on October 21, 2006, accepted the position of President of Washington College Academy (WCA); and

WHEREAS, WCA was established in 1780 as Martin Academy and was the first institution of higher learning west of the Allegheny Mountains; the name was changed to Washington College when George Washington personally gave permission to use his name; and

WHEREAS, John Sevier was one of the original board members of the school, and Washington College was the first to grant a college degree on the western side of the mountains and in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 1923, the institution was changed to a high school and, in 1953, it became Washington College Academy; though its curriculum has changed to meet modern demands, WCA still adheres to its timeless values and continues to provide a “classical Christian Education”; and

WHEREAS, a Washington County native and 1974 graduate of WCA, Keith Jeffers has been associated with the school for most of his life; he taught at WCA from 1979 to 1983 and served a term as President of its alumni association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeffers has already taken great initiative in restoring this esteemed institute to its former glory, as in the days when Senator Rusty Crowe attended, by organizing

workdays and other events to benefit the campus; he is known for his fresh ideas and his positivity; and

WHEREAS, the installment of Mr. Jeffers as the new President of WCA heralds a position change for the institution and marks the beginning of a new and exciting era in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, we wish to seize this opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Mr. Keith Jeffers for his outstanding career as an educator, congratulate him upon the occasion of his installation as President of Washington College Academy, and offer him our best wishes for much happiness and every success and satisfaction in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.